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In re Application of )  
Prof. Richard C. Willson III )  
and Dr. Jason Murphy )  
Serial No.: 09/994,701 )  
Filed: 11/06/2001 )  
For: Nucleic Acid ...Metal Affinity Chromatography ) Examiner Michael D.  
Burkhart )  
) (571 )-272 2915.  
) Art Unit 1633

Priority: Provis 60/246,292 ) Room  
Attorney Docket: 012AUS/UH2006 ) Fax 571 273 8300  
USPTO Customer Number: 26830 ) Art Unit 1636  
Response Due: 31 July 2007 [with 2 month extension]  
Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
37 CFR 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 31 May 2007 [received July 11, due to international postal delays], consideration of the following remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to 571-273-8300 Central Fax of the USPTO on 28 July 2007 (37 CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the above Office Action. No additional fee is believed due as there are presented no additions to the total number of claims (20) as presented in the original filing.

The form states simply "E. Other: the first line of what appears to be Claim 12 is not legible." A replacement copy of the full page 6 is enclosed herewith.

**Examiner Burkhart is thanked for confirming the in-person interview set for 11 am on Tuesday August 7, 2007.** This response is filed to avoid further late charges, and no action should be taken before the interview.

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